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David C. Evans
Commissioner

The Honorable Joe Frank Harris
Governor of Georgia
and
The Georgia General Assembly
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Governor Harris and Members of the General Assembly:

I am pleased to submit the Annual Report for the Department of Corrections for 1987. The growth of the inmate and probation population and the Department's efforts to resolve problems brought about by this growth are reflected in this report.

One of the most positive developments of this year has been the number of requests and support from local and state officials for centers and institutions for their communities. Their willingness to work with the Department and provide incentives will greatly enhance our capability to address the problem of overcrowding in the prison system and in local jails.

Interest in Georgia's alternatives to incarceration by legislators, correctional officials, and the media from across the nation and foreign countries has continued throughout the year. The Probation Detention Centers planned for 1988 will add another dimension to these alternatives.

Georgia's Department of Corrections is now known as one of the best in the nation. This could only be accomplished with support, encouragement and assistance from both the executive and legislative branches with cooperation from the judiciary. Once again, the Georgia Department of Corrections' commitment to you is to keep Georgia on the "cutting edge" of corrections, leading the way to a better criminal justice system.

Sincerely,

David C. Evans
Commissioner

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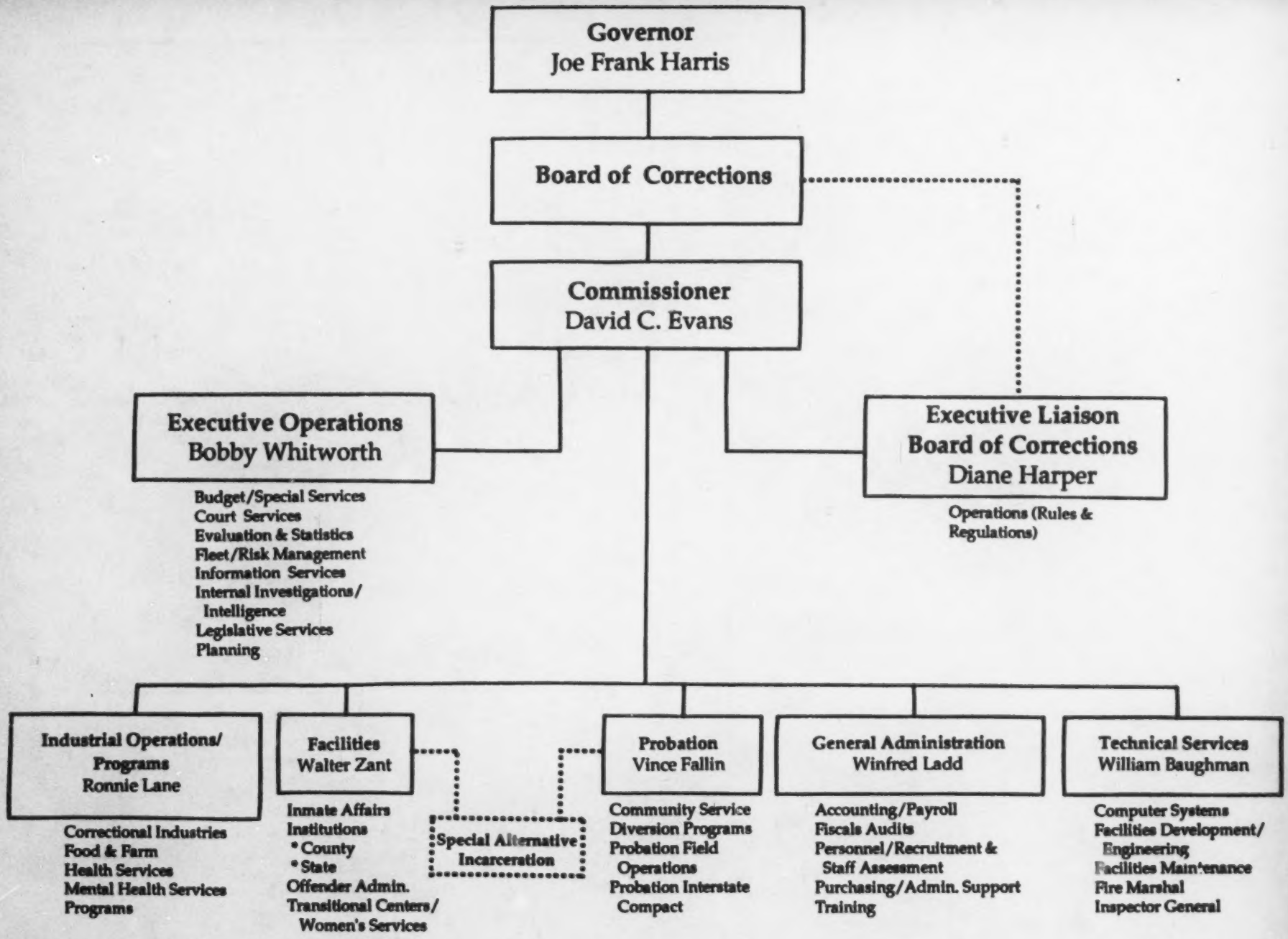
Organization

The primary mission of the Georgia Department of Corrections is to provide maximum protection to the community, staff and inmates. This is done by carrying out the sentences imposed by the courts while providing work and program activities to offenders which improve their chances of succeeding as law-abiding citizens after release.

The agency and its programs are administered under the direction of the commissioner. Six major divisions are headed by deputy commissioners charged with carrying out the policies and programs of the agency in their specific area.

The administrative offices of the department are located at the Floyd Veteran's Memorial Building, East Tower, Atlanta, Georgia, 30334.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Women's Services
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Operations
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Fire Marshal
Inspector General

***Board of Corrections:** Sitting, from left: William R. Lance, Jr., Charles D. Hudson, H. Lyle Jones. Standing, from left:James M. Caswell, Jr., Amon L. Corn, Jerry F. Nicholson, Claudia T. Mertl, John A. Dana, James E. Autry, Jr., Gene Hodge, and James C. Harrison. Not pictured: Charles L. Gordon, T. Joseph Campbell, G. Robert Carter, and Victor B. Davis.*

Board of Corrections

The Georgia Board of Corrections is composed of 15 members, one from each congressional district in the state and five additional members from the state at large. Members are appointed by the Governor to five-year staggered terms. The board establishes general policy for the department and is charged with the appointment of the commissioner.

As of December 31, 1987 the members of the Board of Corrections were:

Mr. Charles D. Hudson, chairman, LaGrange; Mr. Lyle Jones, vice-chairman, LaFayette; Mr. William R. Lance, Jr., secretary, Gainesville; Mr. Charles L. Gordon, Savannah; Mr. James E. Autry, Jr., Meigs; Mr. James M. Caswell, Jr., Atlanta; Ms. Claudia T. Mertl, Jonesboro; Mr. Jerry F. Nicholson, Athens; Mr. T. Joseph Campbell, Calhoun; Mr. John A. Dana, Sandersville; Mr. G. Robert Carter, Valdosta; Mr. James C. Harrison, Atlanta; and Mr. Amon L. Corn, Cumming. There were two vacancies in the board due to the resignations of Mrs. Bettye O. Hutchings, who accepted an appointment to the State Board of Pardons and Parole in September 1987, and Mr. Victor B. Davis, who accepted an appointment to the Peace Officers Standards and Training Council in August 1987.

The board actively participates in current issues affecting Georgia's adult corrections, and is the ultimate approving authority for departmental rules, regulations and policies. The members serve as an invaluable link with the citizens of the state, each with fresh ideas and different perspectives. The board has a very strong commitment to becoming more knowledgeable about the criminal justice system as a whole. Many of the board members have joined national associations such as the American Correctional Association and Southern States Correctional Association and attend their meetings regularly. Communication and maintaining and improving relationships with criminal justice agencies are a major goal with the board.

This year's standing committees have increased the board's involvement markedly. These committees and their chairmen are:

Executive Committee, Charles D. Hudson, Lyle Jones, William R. Lance, Jr., and James M. Caswell, Jr.; **Personnel & Community Affairs**, William R. Lance, Jr., chairman; **Fiscal Operations & Administration**, James M. Caswell, Jr., chairman; **Institutional Operations & Transitional Centers**, vacant chairman's position; **Diversion Programs & Probation**, John A. Dana, chairman; and **Correctional Industries**, Lyle Jones, chairman.

Executive Assistant to the Commissioner

The executive assistant to the commissioner is organizationally located with the commissioner's administrative office and serves the commissioner as liaison to the board. This position provides all administrative, logistical and daily support for the board, acting as the primary liaison between the board and the department. Reporting directly to the person in this position are the assistant commissioner of Operations and the state project manager for Policy, Records and Accreditation.

Operations

This office assures the board and the commissioner of the implementation of legal and administrative requirements through the assessment of impact and monitoring of laws, the promulgation of rules and procedures, and the conduct of administrative research.

Policy, Records and Accreditation

This section is responsible for ensuring that standard operating procedures are current and that all offices and facilities are operating under up-to-date records retention schedules. It also manages the effort of seeking statewide American Correctional Association accreditation for the central office and all facilities, and acts as the department's liaison with the Georgia Emergency Management Association.

Executive Operations

The Office of Executive Operations encompasses those functions which must be responsive to executive direction such as legislation, investigations, planning and evaluation, budget, vehicle management and information.

Legislative Services

The Office of Legislative Services is responsible for developing and monitoring legislation critical to the operation of the department. Close working relationships are maintained with the members of the General Assembly so they are kept advised of issues currently being addressed within the department and the needs that result. An additional purpose of the office is to act as a resource to General Assembly members in responding to their constituents or addressing local correctional needs.

Internal Affairs

The Internal Affairs Section is made up of four components - intelligence, investigation, identification and fugitive.

The intelligence area collects, analyzes and disseminates intelligence data in order to maintain a current, workable database to assist in the detection of illegal activities within the jurisdiction of the department and in conjunction with various federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.

During FY87 this section gathered information, analyzed the data and passed tactical and trend information on to administrators in the form of sensitive reports and/or bulletins.

Intelligence data was gathered and maintained concerning activities involving escape plans, riots, disruptions, smuggling and trafficking of contraband, organized crime and other violations of state law or departmental rules, and inmates involved in subversive groups or activities were identified.

The investigative area is designed to detect violations of rules and regulations of the department and laws of the state. The investigative area is responsible for conducting both criminal and noncriminal investigations involving inmates, institutions and employees.

During FY87 this unit investigated 373 incidents within the Georgia penal system. These incidents included homicides, group disturbances and disruption, aggravated assaults, sexual offenses, thefts of state property, employee malfeasance, drugs, escapes, other civil litigation and alleged violations of the Guthrie suit.
The Internal Affairs Section conducted 489 criminal history inquiries of Central Office employees, student interns and consultants and fingerprinted 151 new employees.